



northeastern illinois planning commission

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DRAFT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Joint CMAP Land Use / NIPC Planning Committee

Date: February 21, 2007

Committee Members Present: Edward W. Paesel-Planning Committee Chair, Judy Beck, Jackie Tredup, Mark Ruby, Wallace Van Buren, Patricia Young, James Healy and Kenneth P. Johnson arrived late.

CMAP Land Use Committee: Mark Avery, Michael Davidson, David Dubois, Jim Peters Heather Smith, Maria Choca Urban, Norm West, Karen Stonehouse

Staff Present: Bob Dean, Jon Hallas, Kerri Johnson, Belinda King, Jill Leary, Joy Schaad, Ron Thomas, Dawn Thompson, and Ty Warner

Others Present: Christy Sabdo – Kane County: Sidney Weseman - RTA

1.0 Call to Order:

Commissioner Edward Paesel called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements:

There was no other business.

3.0 Minutes of the December 6, 2006 and January 17, 2007, Planning Committee meetings:

Commissioner Wallace Van Buren moved and Commissioner Judy Beck seconded a motion to approve the December 6, 2006 Planning Committee minutes. All in favor, the motion carried.

Commissioner Jackie Tredup moved and Commissioner Wallace Van Buren seconded a motion to approve the January 17, 2007, Joint CMAP Land Use / NIPC Planning Committee minutes. All in favor, the motion carried. CMAP Land Use Member Maria Choca Urban moved and CMAP Land Use Member Mark Avery seconded a motion to approve the Joint minutes. All in favor, the motion passed.

4.0 Project Review – Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Paesel pointed out a needed change to project number 07-001.

Dawn Thompson stated that staff will make the needed correction. Upon a minor correction, Commissioner Van Buren moved and Commissioner Beck seconded a motion to approve the February 21, 2007, Consent Agenda. All in favor, the motion passed.

5.0 *Land Use Committee Member Overviews:*

- **Campaign for Sensible Growth:**

Michael Davidson, Manager at the Campaign for Sensible Growth, gave a brief overview of the agency's mission. The Campaign for Sensible Growth is an action-oriented coalition of government, civic and business leaders in northeastern Illinois' six counties working to promote economic development while preserving open space, minimizing the need for costly new infrastructure and improving the livability of our communities. The commissioners inquired as to how the Campaign is funded. Mr. Davidson stated that the agency is funded through foundation funds. Commissioner Beck stated that during Governor Edger's term there was a Land Use and Water Resources Task Force and one of the recommendations was to develop an environmental natural resources sub-cabinet, she encouraged the campaign's staff to review this concept.

- **Congress For The New Urbanism:**

Heather Smith, Planning Director at the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU), gave a review of the agency's charter. Ms. Smith gave an overview of the agency's current projects in the Chicago region; one is its transportation project and the other is the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) which is a joint venture of CNU, US Green Building Council, and the Natural Resources Defense Council. Ms. Smith reviewed the current pilot phase of the LEED-ND rating system. In addition, participants in the pilot program have the opportunity for their development to be among the first projects to be recognized with LEED-ND certification. Ms. Smith gave information on CNU – XV annual conference entitled "New Urbanism and the Old City", and the Illinois Chapter event. Tyson Warner, CMAP staff, stated that CNU Board is interested in having a discussion on application of principals on a regional scale.

- **USEPA:**

Dr. Norm West, with the USEPA Region 5, gave a brief review of team role. Dr. West stated that he is with the agency's NEPA review team which has an advisory role. This team makes recommendations as projects are developing, and advocates for sustainability in project considerations in the region. The team also advocates for connectivity in the region so that such things as transportation, economic, and environmental issues function well. The USEPA has made a huge accomplishment in its history of air purification and water recovery so that America has become a much cleaner place since the agency's existence. Commissioner Beck commented that there are two major EPA offices in the City of Chicago, the Great Lakes National program office and the Region 5 office.

Commissioner Young, David Dubois, and Karen Stonehouse volunteered to give and overview of the agencies they represent at the March Joint meeting.

6.0 *Innovation & Integration Summit recap:*

Mr. Warner gave a brief recap on the Innovation & Integration Summit, and added that addition information can be found on CMAP's website (www.chicagoareaplanning.org). Commissioner Paesel congratulated staff on the summit's success. A detailed review of the summit was deferred to a future meeting.

7.0 *2030 Regional Transportation Plan policy update for SAFETEA-LU compliance:*

Joy Schaad, CMAP staff, gave an update for the 2030 RTP policy update for SAFETEA-LU compliance. The federal government has required a long range transportation plan to be updated every three years, and is encouraging better integration of transportation and land use. The agency's next effort is currently in progress and that plan is expected to be adopted in 2010 as an integrated land use and transportation plan. Ms. Schaad reviewed the meeting schedule and public comment period for the RTP update. The final document will go before the CATS MPO Policy Committee and the CMAP Board in June 2007, for approval.

Commissioner Paesel inquired whether the document will come before this committee for a formal action. Ms. Shaad stated that it is not required, but that staff can arrange for an action. Commissioner Paesel stated that it would be appropriated for this joint committee to review the document and endorse it at a future meeting. Ms. Schaad suggested that comments or adjustments be forward to her attention.

Ms. Shaad highlighted the changes to the Draft of Executive Summary & Chapter 1, 2030 RTP; Draft of Chapter 3, 2030 RTP update; and the SAFETEA-LU Compliant 2030 RTP Update Schedule. The commissioners provided comments and adjustments to the draft documents. Commissioner Beck emphasized the importance of having the information in a form that can be understood by the general public, which can be an interesting challenge. The commissioners also discussed the agencies possibly having a supportive role in disaster preparedness. Commissioner Paesel stated that local funding would be a major concern with this issue. Mr. Warner reiterated that staff will be looking for feedback throughout the update process.

8.0 *Moving Beyond Congestion: The RTA Strategic Plan:*

Sidney Weseman, Planning Manager at RTA, gave a visual overview of the final report's components, visions, and goals. The plan is a joint effort by RTA, CTA, PACE, and Metra to comprehensively assess northeastern Illinois' transit system and funding needs, and recommend potential reforms and new initiatives. The strategic plan calls for a \$10 billion investment in state and local dollars over the next five years to maintain, enhance, and expand the region's transit system. The RTA's plan proposes to better

serve the mobility needs of the region's growing population and to combat increasing traffic congestion. Copies of the final plan are available on the RTA's website at: www.MovingBeyondCogestion.org. Mr. Davidson inquired to what extent will the RTA have a role in facilitating compact development. Mr. Weseman stated RTA works corporately with local governments and agencies like CMAP to address these issues. Mr. Weseman added that in the Appendix of the report will address many of the commissioner's questions.

9.0 "Regional Snapshot":

Mr. Warner stated that the final document has been published and that commissioners should review this report. Commissioner Beck stated that she had an opportunity to look at the report and that staff has done a wonderful job. She suggested a topic for a future joint meeting could be the document "Vital Centers" that came out of the Brookings Institute which compares this region globally around the world. Commissioner Paesel suggested that Commissioner Beck work with Mr. Warner to schedule a discussion of the document.

10.0 Future meeting dates:

Mr. Warner reviewed the meeting dates and times until June of this year. However, he suggested that the committee consider rescheduling the April meeting due to the annual American Planning Association (APA) conference. The commissioners stated that because other NIPC meetings are scheduled the same day, that the committee will decide next month whether to reschedule the April meeting. Commissioner Paesel added that at the June 27, NIPC full Commission meeting the agency will take the opportunity to celebrate its 50 year anniversary.

11.0 Agenda for next meeting:

Commissioner Paesel encouraged committee members to forward any possible agenda items to Mr. Warner for discussion at future meetings.

12.0 Other Business:

Mr. Warner suggested that this committee choose an interim chair for representation on the CMAP Programming Committee. Mark Avery from Du Page County was recommended as the interim chair. Commissioner Van Buren made a motion to recommend Mark Avery as the interim Chair of the CMAP Programming Committee and Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed. Mr. Warner reviewed security procedures for entrance into Sears Tower. Commissioner Paesel added that immediately following the Planning Committee meeting there is an optional post meeting to demonstrate the Centers Toolkit.

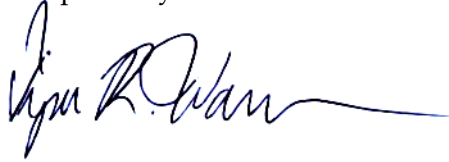
13.0 Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

14.0 Adjournment:

Commissioner Mark Ruby moved and Commissioner Beck seconded a motion to adjourn the February 21, 2007, Joint CMAP Land Use / NIPC Planning Committee meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tyson Warner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tyson Warner
Staff Secretary to the Planning Committee

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